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Applicant : XUAN TRUONG NGUYEN

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
United States Patent & Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Action mailed August 16, 1991.

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The above action requires restriction as follows:

Group I - Process claims 1-13

Group II - Apparatus claims 17-21

Group III - Process claims 22-40

Group IV - Pulp claims 14-16 and 41-47

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group III, namely
claims 22-40. The election is with traverse.

Firstly, it is courteously submitted that the claims are closely related and should (at least in part) logically be given unitary consideration.

Clearly, separate classification is not necessarily controlling in determining the propriety of a restriction requirement.

The claims of Groups I and III are all process claims. Moreover, the features of elected generic claim 22 are clearly related to features in claim 1, see step (i) of claim 1.

Claims 14-16 are product-by-process claims reading on process claims in Group I. Claims 41-47 are also related, as are the apparatus claims.

Reconsideration and an action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

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